

### Dear Friends,

“The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its **harvest.**”

Psalm 85:11-13 September was so packed with events that we had over 4,000 people through our church door. Let us give thanks and praise to God for all His blessings!

### Open House London 2015, September 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

We would like to thank everyone who helped us during this weekend. Special thanks to David Tootill, Artistic Director of Southbank Mosaics, who gave a mosaics demonstrations in the church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September; to the Friends of City Churches who sent some of their church watchers to help us welcome more than 2,000 visitors who came; to the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects who sent some liverymen to help; to our very own Friends of St Lawrence Jewry, David and Jackie Sheffield, for travelling all the way from Rayleigh just to give us a helping hand; and to our regular volunteers, Peter Livock, Jenny Houghton and Ian Lightfoot, for their untiring and continued support by being there too. The harvest is plenty and labourers are few but we all managed to keep it under control and made it a success.

### Lord Mayor's Election Day Service

One of the great Civic events of the year, The Lord Mayor's Election Day Service, which took place in our church on 29<sup>th</sup> September, was a big success. The election in the Guildhall was an even bigger success for they have elected Alderman Lord Mountevans, known to us as Jeffrey, one of our churchwardens, as the next Lord Mayor. Congratulations Jeffrey! Our hearts and prayers are with you for the huge tasks you are about to take on.



### Music

Our weekly Monday Piano and Tuesday Organ recitals continue with successful scholars from [The Eric Thompson Charitable Trust for Organists and Organ Music](#) dominating all of the organ recitals this month. Programmes are available in the church or visit our webpages Piano and [Eric Thompson Trust](#).

We also have a special evening concert by the Esterhazy Singers, entitled “Haydn’s Missa Cellensis”, on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm. Our very own Catherine Ennis will be playing the organ for them. Please visit their [website](#) for tickets and further details.

## Friends of St Lawrence Jewry

Those who have not joined us as Friends of St Lawrence Jewry are encouraged to do so. Not only will you be helping our church to generate income for us to continue our mission of bringing the light of Christ to the City of London, but you will also enjoy the company of your fellow Friends in the various events we organise for them. Please contact [Katrina](#) for further details.

## Wedding

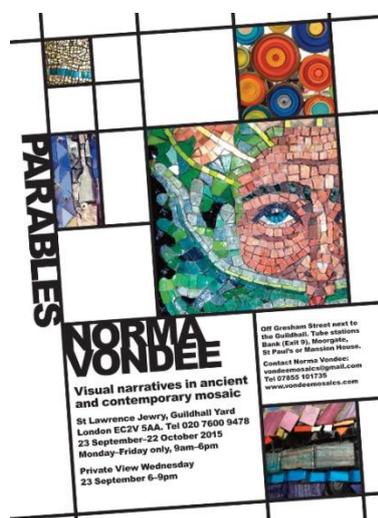
Love is constantly in the air especially inside our beautiful church. This month, we have three weddings:

- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 2:00pm - Alexander Toombs and Klementyna Klocek
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 2:00pm - Anthony Welden and Sarah Hassall
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 2:00pm - Rowan Collinson and Lydia Arding

Let us pray for these couples as they start their married lives together.

## NORMA VONDEE “Parables” Exhibition

Norma Vondee, an internationally renowned artist, is having a visual narratives in ancient and contemporary mosaic exhibition in our church from 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Please come and see how her works perfectly blend with our church’s interiors. All works are for sales. For further details, please approach Arnel or Katrina in the church office.



## Lawrence Lecture “God & Mrs Thatcher”

The Lawrence Lecture is back this year and it will be given by Eliza Filby who has just published a book of the same name. It’s on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. Refreshment and drinks will be served after the talk. A free event but donations are invited. Contact [Katrina](#) to book a place.

## A History of Bassishaw Ward c.1200 – c.1600

Last year in May, as part of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bassishaw Ward Club, Alderman Timothy Hailes, one of our churchwardens, commissioned a talk by Dr Christine Fox, basing on her work History of the Medieval Ward of Bassishaw from 1200 – 1600. The book is now available through

Amazon with a retail price of £32. Through Tim's generosity, we have limited copies of the book on sale in the church for only £25. All proceeds of this special sale will go to the church. To place your order, please email [Katrina](mailto:Katrina) or [Arnel](mailto:Arnel) or come to the church. Once they're gone, they're gone.

## Fundraising for St Lawrence Jewry

Please help us raise fund for St Lawrence by being our supporter in our [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) webpage. Since we launched it last November 2013, we have generated £286.68 for the church, with 15 supporters. If you are buying anything online or are planning to buy something in the future, please register with [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and choose St Lawrence Jewry as the charity you want the retailers to donate to. Examples of the +2,000 retailers included are Tesco & other supermarkets, Amazon, The Trainline and many others. It is really easy once the toolbar has been set up. It will not slow your shopping down. It will simply mean the church gets a donation in the process.

As part of generating funds, we liaise with DCD Philatelics, to collect used stamps. If you receive letters with stamps on the envelopes, perhaps you can tear off the used stamps and send them or drop them off in the church. This will not raise much but every little helps. Stamps should be left on the backing paper, with a border of about 4mm to 8mm left around the stamp (this is meant as a guide only).

## Advance Notice

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm is the City Music Society's first evening concert for season 2015-2016, entitled 'The Baltic Stars Ensemble'. Tickets are at £15, including complementary interval drink. For booking and further info, please visit their [website](http://www.citymusicsociety.org.uk).

God bless you all.

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